

PARTICULARS OF TODDY, ARRACK, ETC., SHOPS

10. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ:

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിന് ഗവണ്മെന്റ് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) സംസ്ഥാനത്തിലൊട്ടാകെ കള്ളി, പാരായം, വിദേശമദ്യം, കറുപ്പ്, കഞ്ചാവ എന്നിവ ഓരോന്നും വില്പന എത്രയെത്ര ഷാപ്പുകളുണ്ട്;

(ബി) ഓരോ താലൂക്കിലും ഉള്ള ഇവയുടെ എണ്ണം?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: (എ), (ബി) അനുബന്ധം നോക്കുക.*

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters): Is the number of toddy shops increasing or decreasing?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Commissioner of Excise): Not increasing.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters): Is there any effort on the part of the government to decrease the shops according to the policy fixed upon in former times?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Commissioner of Excise): If it is possible we will reduce the number.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (Chalakkudi): Is consumption of toddy on the increase?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Commissioner of Excise): The consumption of both toddy and arrack is on the increase.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Is it a healthy sign.

Mr. President: It is a matter of opinion.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS—PARTICULARS OF

11. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ:

(a) സംസ്ഥാനത്തിലൊട്ടാകെ എത്ര പ്രാഥമിക വിദ്യാലയങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ട്;

(b) ഓരോ താലൂക്കിലുള്ള പ്രാഥമിക വിദ്യാലയങ്ങളുടെ എണ്ണമെത്ര?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction):

(a) 529.

(b) Cochin-Kanayannur	173	Trichur	103
Cranganur	15	Talappalli	89
Mukundapuram	113	Chittur	36
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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): May I know whether the attendance of primary schools is on the increase or decrease during the last few years.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): Enrolment this year has not been very satisfactory in the first class. The number of pupils under effective instruction in elementary schools has been on the increase for the last so many years. But the rate of increase has been slow and this year the enrolment in lower classes is definitely small.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Has not that been the case, Sir, for the last 2 or 3 years.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): Ever since the economic depression become very acute and the cost of the necessities went up it has been like that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): May I know, Sir, whether all the schools in the State are properly attended. In other words, in areas where there are well equipped schools whether all the children of school-going age do resort to those schools. Are the government aware of such instances.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): There are certain areas in the Talappalli Taluk and certain parts of Chittur.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): May I know, Sir, whether the Government have in their contemplation any remedy to bring all the children of the school-going age to the neighbouring schools well equipped and well furnished.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): We have proposals now under scrutiny of the inspecting officers. But it is very doubtful whether we can produce a scheme which is likely to improve attendance without causing hardship.

* See Appendix II.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): May I know, Sir, whether the Government do not think that the introduction of compulsory primary education in such particular areas will be a proper remedy?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): One method of compelling attendance which is now open to us is in the present circumstances likely to cause a great deal of hardship. We are now trying to find out whether there is any method of persuasion like giving concessions, changes in the hours of attendance etc. We are going on with this experiment to find out whether we can improve the attendance without actual compulsion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Have not, Sir, the attempts of the Government in this line been a failure and have not produced the desired effect?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): We are still trying to improve upon our methods and we are still hopeful.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): What Sir, are the difficulties of the Government in introducing compulsion?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): The question is too large. There is a cut motion on the question when I may be permitted to speak at length. I do not think this is the proper time to speak on the question whether compulsory primary education should be introduced in the State.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): I have sent up a large number of questions, Sir, on this topic which I wanted to be answered before the discussions come up and from the number of questions that are placed before the table today, i. e., 11 questions, my hopes for getting the answers in time are few and far between.

Mr. President: The proper time to discuss such things is when the cut motions are discussed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Sir, has there been any request to the Government for permission to introduce compulsory primary education.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): There was an occasion when the bill was actually introduced.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): In the 5th Council, Sir, subsequent to Makaram last or in Makaram itself has there been any request from any Hon'ble Member of this House requesting the Government to give him sanction to introduce a Bill?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): The Hon'ble Member could put an independent question on this subject and the Government will answer it very soon.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): What exactly Sir, is the harm in answering this question. When a specific question is put they are expected to be ready with these answers. Why say like this when information is sought for useful purposes and to have a useful discussion on important subjects. We never expected such answers from the Government of Cochin which was very responsive and at times responsible.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): This question will be answered before the education budget is discussed.

Announcement of election of members to the Education Advisory Committee

Mr. President: Nomination papers for the election of members to the Education Advisory Committee will be handed over to the Council Secretary before 5 p.m. on 29th July 1943.

Condolence motion on the demise of Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer): It is my sad duty to move this condolence motion that stands against my name on the untimely death of Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao, who from the year 1931 to 1939, was the Chief Medical Officer of the the State and an official Member of this House. The news of his death was a shock to most of us who had hoped that he would long be spared to enjoy his retired life at Coimbatore. Dr. Rao was so well known a figure that I don't think any reference at length on his career would be necessary.

He was born on the 8th of November 1884 of humble parents and had his early education in British Malabar. He then joined the Medical School at Royapuram and after a fairly distinguished course of studies, he entered service in British India as a Hospital Assistant.